March 9, 2021

To: <u>GAETestimony@cga.ct.gov</u> Subject: Support bills 1017 and 6578

Dear GAE Committee Co-Chairs Sen. Flexer and Rep. Fox, Vice Chairs Sen. Haskell and Rep. Thomas and Ranking Members Sen. Sampson and Rep. Mastrofrancesco and Members of the GAE Committee.

Please make voting easy, convenient and accessible for all CT by voting YES in support of bill number 1017: An Act Concerning Election Administration to make the absentee ballot drop boxes permanent and enable voters to request absentee ballots via an online application and in support of bill number 6578: An Act Concerning Participation in Electoral Process for automatic voter registration at the DMV and to restore voting rights to parolees.

My wife and I were so pleased to be able to get our absentee ballots easily on line. We made use of drop box to cast our votes.

It was easy and efficient. I also feel that as CT residents get their driving licenses they should automatically be registered to vote.

In addition, after serving prison time, parolees have paid their debts and deserve to vote.

Sincerely,

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